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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, PFOR, PO

SUBJECT: GOP SHIPPING PROTECTION MEASURE VS. OECD CODE

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY DCM MARCH 18 AT LATTER'S URGENT REQUEST. JAPANESE OFFICIAL SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ASKED HIM TO MAKE RAPID INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RECENT GOP DECREE PROTECTING PORTUGUESE MERCHANT FLEET (REFTTEL). CABLE FROM TOKYO EXPLICITLY REFERRED TO OECD CONVENTION ON LIBERALIZATION OF ORDINARY INVISIBLES TRANSACTIONS WHICH, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE OFFICIAL, PROVIDES THAT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES MAINTAIN A MARITIME POLICY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM FOR MARITIME TRANSPORTATION. COUNTRIES CANNOT IMPOSE LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS GIVING PRIORITY TO THEIR MERCHANT MARINE AND OBSTRUCTING SHIPPING OF MEMBER COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE OFFICIAL, OECD CONSULTATIVE SHIPPING  
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GROUP (13 COUNTRIES INCLUDING JAPAN) AND CENSA -  
COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN AND JAPAN NATIONAL SHIPOWNERS  
ASSOCIATION - WILL MEET MARCH 21 IN PARIS TO DISCUSS  
GOP DECREE. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO PORTUGUESE  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MERCHANT MARINE CONFIRMED  
TO EMBOFF THAT GOP IS SIGNATORY TO OECD CONVENTION. HE  
NOTED THAT SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSIES HAD ASKED ABOUT

CONVENTION. IN A DEFENSIVE MANNER, HE SAID THAT ISSUE WAS BEING RAISED WITH SECRETARY AND THAT "WE MIGHT HAVE TO ADJUST THE MEASURE."

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT MERCHANT MARINE AUTHORITIES WERE FAMILIAR WITH OECD CONVENTION, AS IT WAS MENTIONED IN AN INTERNAL GOP DOCUMENT, DATED JUNE 1976, WHICH MERCHANT MARINE SECRETARY GAVE TO EMBOFF. AT ONE TIME GOP APPARENTLY HAD DECIDED TO BY-PASS OECD CONVENTION BY ISSUING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER, RATHER THAN FORMAL LAW. FOR SOME UNKNONW REASON THEY SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGED THEIR MIND AND ISSUED DECREE DESCRIBED REFTER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST OECD PARIS COMMENT ON PORTUGAL'S ADHERENCE TO OECD CONVENTION DESCRIBED ABOVE AND COMMENT ON EFFECT OF GOP DECREE. ALSO REQUEST YOU INFORM US OF RESULTS OF MARCH 21 MEETING IN PARIS. CARLUCCI

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